

New Vehicle Licensing Regulation Act Timely and Handle Properly to Avoid Prosecution

Implementation
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After commencement of regulation, vehicle owners must take appropriate actions for vehicles **unlicensed for two years** upon receiving a notice from the Transport Department

Within the three-month notice period, vehicle owners must:



Renew vehicle licence for vehicles unlicensed for two years or more

OR



Cancel vehicle registration with the Transport Department after scrapping or permanently shipping out of Hong Kong

OR



Apply for exemption from taking required actions if facing genuine difficulty or having reasonable grounds

Failure to take action upon expiry of the three-month notice period:



Maximum penalty at \$10,000 and imprisonment for 3 months for the first conviction



Proper Handling of Your Vehicle

- The Legislative Council has passed a new legislation, aiming at enhancing the vehicle registration and licensing regime to heighten deterrence against improper abandoning of unwanted vehicles with strengthened control at source. After the commencement of the new legislation on **22 December 2025**:



- i. Vehicle owners are required to, within three months after receiving a notice sent by the Transport Department (TD), renew the licence of their vehicles which have been unlicensed for two years; or
 - ii. Cancel the registration of the vehicles with the TD after scrapping the vehicle or permanently shipping it out of Hong Kong. **Failure to comply with the requirement will constitute an offence.**
- Until the vehicle owners cancel the registration of their vehicles with the TD, the vehicle concerned will continue to be registered under the name of the owner who has to **bear all the legal liabilities associated with that vehicle.**

Remember to Cancel Vehicle Registration after Proper Vehicle Handling

- After having the vehicle **scrapped or permanently shipped out of Hong Kong**, the vehicle owner must submit a “Notification for Cancellation of Vehicle Registration” (TD184) together with a scrap certificate/shipping document to any Licensing Office in order to **cancel the registration of the vehicle.**

Failing to Take Action upon expiry of the Notice Period will Constitute an Offence

- Failing to take action upon expiry of the three-month notice period **will constitute an offence**. The maximum penalty for first conviction will be **a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for three months**. For each subsequent conviction, the maximum penalty will be a **\$25,000 fine and six months' imprisonment**.
- Unless the fine is paid, the TD may subject to the court's order:
 - i. refuse to issue or renew the driving licence of a convicted vehicle owner;
 - ii. take no action on any notice for transfer of ownership of the subject vehicle and any other vehicles under the convicted owner's name; and
 - iii. refuse to issue a vehicle licence to the subject vehicle and any other vehicles under the convicted owner's name.

Application for exemption from licensing under special situations

- From **22 December 2025** onwards, if a vehicle owner whose vehicle has been unlicensed for two years has genuine difficulty in taking the required actions within the three-month notice period, or has reasonable grounds for not licensing the vehicle, he/she may complete and submit the specified application form, together with the required documents, to the TD for an exemption. In general, exemptions may be granted under the three scenarios below:



i. Vehicles pending delivery of ordered spare parts for maintenance and examination before licence renewal

Vehicles that could not be arranged for maintenance and examination for licence renewal before the expiry of the three-month notice period due to awaiting delivery of ordered spare parts. The vehicle owner must renew the vehicle licence as soon as practicable after completing the maintenance and passage of the vehicle examination.

ii. Vehicles manufactured for 30 years or more, properly stored as a private collection and will not be used on roads

Vehicles that are manufactured for 30 years or more, properly stored as a private collection at private land/ private parking space/ leased parking space (with a remaining storage/ leased period not less than one year) and will not be used on roads.

iii. Vehicles properly stored by an established car dealer and is consigned for sale

Vehicles that are consigned for sale but remain unsold before the expiry of the three-month notice period, and properly stored by an established car dealer, without being used on roads and abandoned.

- Vehicle owners may provide other reasonable grounds for the TD's consideration of granting an exemption based on individual case. Vehicles with an exemption granted will continue to be registered under the name of the vehicle owner, until the owner cancels the registration of the vehicle in accordance with the existing requirement.
- For details of application for an exemption, please refer to the TD's website.

For Details



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Enquire vehicle information easier with e-Licensing Portal

Vehicle owners may make use of the e-Licensing Portal of the Transport Department to check the expiry date of their vehicle's licence, and renew their vehicle's licence at any time and in any place.



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